

January 24, 1974

PRESIDENT: Will the Legislature please come to order, and we will have prayer by the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Please indicate your presence.

CLERK: Senator Fellman asked to be excused, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to his absence? Hearing none. So ordered. Have you all indicated your presence? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: Nothing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: A point of order. I have a very undesirable suggestion to make. The other day we discussed and I think we decided that this floor is for the members of this Legislature. Now I ask the presiding officer to put it into effect. Or have the Legislature change what I thought it decided to do.

PRESIDENT: Stand by, Senator. I can handle it. Thank you. The Chair would like invite your participation to the fact that we do need to clear the floor. And that only members of the Legislature or members of their family may be seated beside them, and then only by permission from the Chair. And so we would like to ask the Jaycee guests that have been assigned to each of one of you today to move off into the wings. The Chair was going to take the prerogative and for lack of other direction it would be permissible for today for these Jaycees in their assignments to at least sit on the side, and also the Chair would ask your indulgence in trying to hold your conversations down to a minimum. The reason for that being that you would be surprised at how the sounds emanate from the side and flow out on to the floor. And the Senators are only trying to make clear that we are awfully glad that you are here, etc. And we want to participate in the activities for today, but you really can tell about what's going on from the sides. But there's an awful lot of confusion that results from the floor, so I'm sure that we can all cooperate and put this together. Now, Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It is my understanding the space is not available under the wings. Now if that is not so, I think we ought to determine it now. If we make one exception we have no reason to not make any exceptions. I don't like to make this suggestion. It is certainly not a popular one. But if we've got rules, and so far as one member is concerned, I'm going to insist that they conform. Now if others believe that underneath the balcony is not off limits to speak, well now is the time to make that motion. It is my understanding it was.